

**COMBINED CIP DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR DELIVERY ENERGY ADJACENT THE INNER WALL OF AN  
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC**

the specification of which

\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on January 25, 1999 as Application No. 09/236,816  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which states in relevant part: "Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section....The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98."

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate as indicated below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as this is a continuation-in-part application filed under the

conditions set forth in 35 United States Code, §120, which discloses and claims subject matter in addition to the prior copending application(s) listed below, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information known to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>60/029,735</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>October 23, 1996</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Abandoned</u> (Patented, Pending, Abandoned)
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<u>09/153,552</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>September 15, 1998</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Pending</u> (Patented, Pending, Abandoned)
<u>09/162,704</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>September 29, 1998</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Pending</u> (Patented, Pending, Abandoned)

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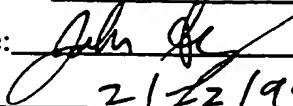
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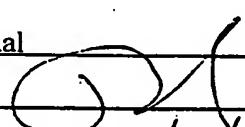
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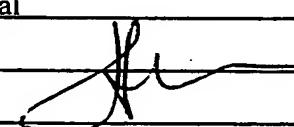
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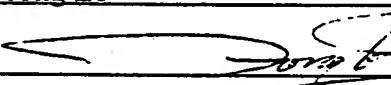
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